



Message from WGAHK Chairperson



This year we at WGAHK strengthened our links with other UK university alumni associations. In May we joined forces with alumni from Imperial College and LSE and the Oxford and Cambridge Society to host a popular and successful joint UK university start up event.

WGAHK plays an active role in bridging relationships between current Warwick Hong Kong students and alumni. We are always keen to welcome faculty from the University of Warwick to join us in Hong Kong. This year we were honoured to host Professor Shaun Breslin, Professor Lawrence Young and Luke Taylor.

Throughout the year, we organised fun and informative events to facilitate networking opportunities and to celebrate our alumni community.

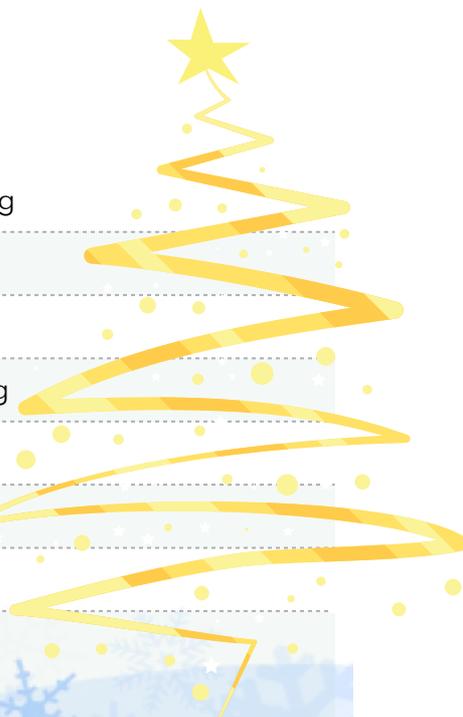
This year, the University has continued to excel in various league tables and its profile is on the rise. It continues to attract positive and extensive media coverage.

During 2017 we have encountered both challenges and opportunities.

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to all of our members for your continued support.

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The Year in Review

Annual Dinner 19 November 2016



Last year's annual dinner had an oriental flavour with Chinese decorations and gorgeous outfits. The event was held at the Jockey Club and was heralded a great success.

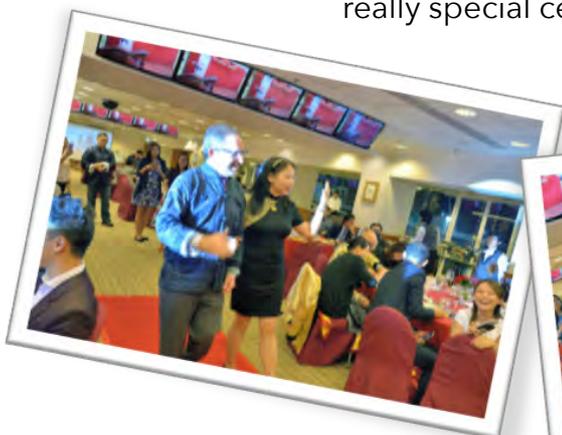
We were joined by guests of honour from the University of Warwick, Professor Lawrence Young (Academic Vice-President) and Luke Taylor (Associate Director of Development - Student Experience) who both really entered into the spirit of the occasion. Lawrence sported a beautiful Chinese jacket, a gift from acclaimed designer, Janko Lam and we were delighted that she could join us for the dinner. Our other guest of honour was James Kennedy, Director of Global Engagement who retired in July 2017.

Games, calligraphy competitions, a fashion show, live music, spectacular prizes and speeches made this a really special celebration.



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Spring Dinner - 25 February 2017



This year we heralded in the Lunar New Year by hosting a Spring Dinner at the Star of Canton Restaurant. There was an overwhelming response to our invitation with a full house of 56 attendees.

Our special thanks go to Lawrence Young and Luke Taylor, from the University of Warwick, for taking time out of their busy schedules to celebrate the Year of the Rooster with us. They must have enjoyed the Annual Dinner to take valuable time out from their China tour. They both had fun chatting with alumni and guests and regaling us with tales from our alma mater and keeping us up to date with developments back in the UK.

Joint UK University Debut - 13 May 2017

"Is Hong Kong ready to become the Asian Silicon Valley?"

A joint university start up debut was hosted and sponsored by the British Council and officiated by Chris Rawlings. WGAHK joined forces with alumni from the Oxford and Cambridge Society, LSE and Imperial College to organise an event for all members interested in entrepreneurship.

This was an enjoyable and successful afternoon blending networking, exhibitions, promotional activities and lively discussion. Two discussions were facilitated by a panel of influential people from the worlds of entrepreneurship and venture capital here in Hong Kong. We were delighted to be led by Kenneth She, Hong Kong's Uber CEO, Roland Yau, Managing Partner of CoCoon and Mary Cheung, founder of Genie; to name but a few.

Our special thanks go to Samuel Chan, Charmaine Wong and Kenny Tang for joining us and supporting the event both as panel speakers and exhibitors.

"What are the promises and challenges of our fellow UK alumni?"



Dinner Talk by Prof Shaun Breslin - 15 June 2017

"China's Global Economic Power – Towards a New Era?"

Politics suddenly became more interesting last year with the election of the unique 45th President of the United States. The world was shocked by this seismic shift in the global liberal order and all of a sudden eyes were turned on China and Xi Jinping.

Thus Professor Shaun Breslin enters the Hong Kong world of Warwick alumni and friends keen to hear his thoughts on the future role of China on the world stage. Shaun was billed as a lively interactive speaker and he did not disappoint. His dinner lecture was as engaging and informative as it was entertaining. He focused on recent economic and political developments in China and identified different potential sources of global power.



The world assumes that Xi Jinping will soon wear the mantle of supreme leader of the world but Shaun poses the question; is China ready and even willing to take up this role as supreme leader of the world?

WMG Graduation - 18 June 2017

Warwick Manufacturing Group (WMG) is an academic department at the University of Warwick. It provides research, education and knowledge transfer in the fields of engineering, manufacturing and technology.

This year the Hong Kong graduation ceremony was held at the Hyatt Regency in Tsimshatsui. It was presided over by its Founder and Director, Professor Baron Kumar Bhattacharyya CBE FREng FRS, a British Indian engineer, educator and government advisor. The ceremony celebrated a successful collaboration between the University of Warwick and the Vocational Training Council (VTC) in providing a high quality postgraduate education and professional training here in Hong Kong.

Our congratulations to the successful graduates.



Warwick Autumn Networking Event- 9 September 2017

WGAHK and WHKPASS issued an invitation to joint alumni to reunite at a cocktail reception at the HKUST Business School in Central.

This was an excellent opportunity for alumni from all HK sectors to meet up, network, share experiences and learn more about business and professional life in Hong Kong. We were joined by influential speakers from various businesses and industries and took the opportunity to present our Scholarship awards.

We were honoured to welcome Ronny Tong Ka Wah, (renowned politician, former LegCo member and Hong Kong Senior Counsel) and Norman Ung (Co-founder of DEFT) as our keynote speakers and Warwick graduates, Jacky Leung, Alice So and Nadia Lee who shared their insights and post-graduation lives with us.



Warwick University News



Warwick installs first woman Chancellor in special ceremony

The Right Honourable The Baroness Ashton of Upholland GCMG PC was installed as the University's new Chancellor in a special ceremony on campus on 3 May. She takes up her role on 1 January 2018.

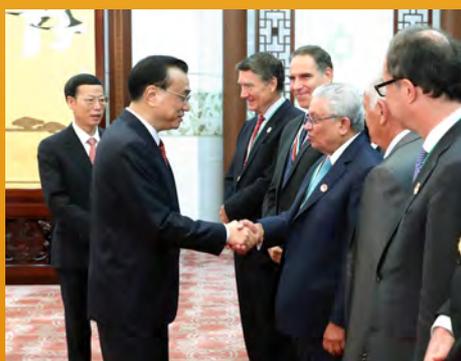
Vice Chancellor, Stuart Croft, said, "Baroness Ashton brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience. Her advice and voice will undoubtedly further enhance the reputation of our University. We are delighted that she has accepted this role." Baroness Ashton succeeds Sir Richard Lambert who concluded his term in office at the end of the 2015/16 academic year.



Awards, applause and accolades

The British Council Entrepreneurial Prize was awarded to a Hong Kong alumnus, Samuel Chan. He completed a master's course in International Political Economy at the University of Warwick in 2011. Since graduating, Samuel has become a leading educationalist, columnist and consultant

In Hong Kong, he launched the multi-award-winning *Britannia Studylink*, an online tool to match students from Hong Kong to UK schools. He also helped to standardise the application process for students wanting to attend UK schools by introducing the testing system *UKiset* to the system.



Professor Baron Bhattacharyya, on 29 September, bestowed with two prestigious awards from China: The Great Wall Friendship Award from Beijing City and the Chinese Government Friendship Award.

The former was presented in appreciation of his enthusiastic support and contribution to Beijing's construction and his friendly co-operation, while the latter is the foremost national award offered by the Chinese Government to foreign experts.

On 30 September Professor Baron Bhattacharyya met with Premier Li Keqiang, Premier of the State Council, members of the State Council and SAFEA Administrator, Zhang Jianguo in the Great Hall of the People before attending the National Day Reception to celebrate the 68th Anniversary of the People's Republic of China.



Warwick has once again been recognised as one of the UK's leading universities in various 2018 league tables:-

- ★ ranked 9th in the Good University Guide.
- ★ ranked 3rd in the Russell Group for providing extra value by the Economist's Value Added Earnings Rankings.
- ★ ranked 8th in the UK by the Guardian University Guide with 16 subjects listed in the top 10.
- ★ named as one of the world's most international universities by the Times Higher Education



The Oculus, the University's new teaching building, was officially opened by Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal (Princess Anne) when she visited the campus on 30 March to unveil a plaque inside the new building.

The Oculus was designed to bring together the strengths of the University's different departments to widen the student experience through innovative teaching resources and social learning and networking spaces.



The University's Provost, Christine Ennew was invited to speak at the EFMD and HUMANE Asia-Pacific School 2017 hosted by The University of Hong Kong in October. She shared her experiences on university partnership and during her stay here, she met with the education editor of the *South China Morning Post* to discuss her views on the

challenges facing higher education leaders worldwide. The article, entitled, *Universities can benefit from being independent in many ways*, Warwick provost suggests can be viewed via the QR code.



For more information, visit www.warwick.ac.uk or www.warwick.com.hk



Scholarship News

WGAHK is delighted to announce that this year's WGAHK 2017 Scholarship Fund Award goes to **Corey Wenhong To (Mathematics and Economics)**.

The WGAHK 2017 scholarship worth HK\$40,000 (fully sponsored by WGAHK) is a one-off award to be deducted from the winner's academic fee for the first year of their studies at The University of Warwick in the academic year 2017/18.

We received overwhelming support for the WGAHK scholarship this year with over 30 applications. Members of the screening panel met on 26 August 2017 to conduct screening of applications for the panel interview. The screening panel consisted of eight members who are Warwick graduates from a variety of disciplines and backgrounds, namely Steven Lo, Henry Wong, Jessica Leung, Loren Tang, Elaine Hung, Vicky Lee, Caroline Wong and Michael Chu.



The scholarship award presentation took place at the annual freshers' networking cocktail reception jointly organised by WGAHK, WHKPASS and WHKS on 9 September 2017. Each of the short-listed candidates was invited to the event and was awarded a certified letter issued by WGAHK as well as a HK\$500 book voucher as a token of encouragement for their achievements.

Founded in 2001, the WGAHK Scholarship Fund marks its 16th Anniversary in 2017. It is the first Warwick scholarship established by local alumni associations outside the UK. Taking this opportunity, we would like to express heartfelt gratitude to all donors who have contributed to the establishment of this meaningful scholarship, and to all WGAHK executive members and scholars who have assisted in the successful running of this year's exercise.

If you would like to support the Scholarship Fund by making a donation, please write to us at: scholarship@warwick.org.hk.



On 2 September 2017 the short-listed candidates attended a panel interview. Members of the Judge Panel included the following:

Ms Lisa Marie Djeng Warwick graduate (BSc Economics)
 Chairperson, WGAHK
 WGAHK Scholarship Founding Chairperson
 Executive Director, Keywise Capital Management (HK) Limited

Mr Keith Brandt Warwick graduate (BA Law and Sociology)
 Managing Partner, Dentons Hong Kong Office
 Member of Law Society of England & Wales, International Bar Association and ICC Hong Kong

Ms Yvonne Li Warwick graduate (MA in International Relations and Affairs)
 Assistant Director, School of Business & Management,
 The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology



WGAHK 2017 Scholarship short-listed candidates

Mr Anson Man Fung Chan Management

Ms Jasmine Harris English Literature and Creative Writing

Mr Koby Jing Hei Wong Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Mr Corey Wenhong To Mathematics and Economics

Ms Selina Wen Ka Kei Economics



Sad News

Elinor Cheuk

It was with deepest sorrow that we learned of the untimely death of an admired and much loved IGDS alumna.

Elinor Cheuk passed away on 25 June 2017 after a long illness. She is mourned by her family, friends and colleagues.

In 2004, Elinor achieved a joint Master of Science Engineering and Business Management degree awarded jointly by the University of Warwick and Hong Kong Polytechnic University. She was highly respected as the President of The University of Warwick and The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Manufacturing Alumni Association Limited. This acclaimed alumni organisation encompasses graduates from the Integrated Engineering Business Management Programme (IGDS, IMDS, EngD) jointly organised by both universities since 1990 and Master of Science graduates of WMG in Hong Kong.

James Tay

We were shocked and deeply saddened to hear of the sudden tragic passing of an admired and much-loved Warwick alumnus, this summer.

James Tay passed away on 15 July 2017 following an accident in Dubrovnik. James was enjoying a family holiday in Croatia prior to attending his son, Justin's graduation ceremony at the University of Warwick. He was a devoted father and immensely proud that his children both graduated from his alma mater. He is mourned by his family; wife, Pauline Tse, son, Justin and his daughter, Elaine and her husband, Ryan Leung.

James was awarded an MSc in 1999 by The University of Warwick. He took part in the celebrated Integrated Graduate Development Scheme (IGDS), a programme jointly organised by The University of Warwick and Hong Kong Polytechnic University. At the time of his death, James was CEO of Logicalis Asia.

